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Manager,
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Hongkong, February 9, 1898.

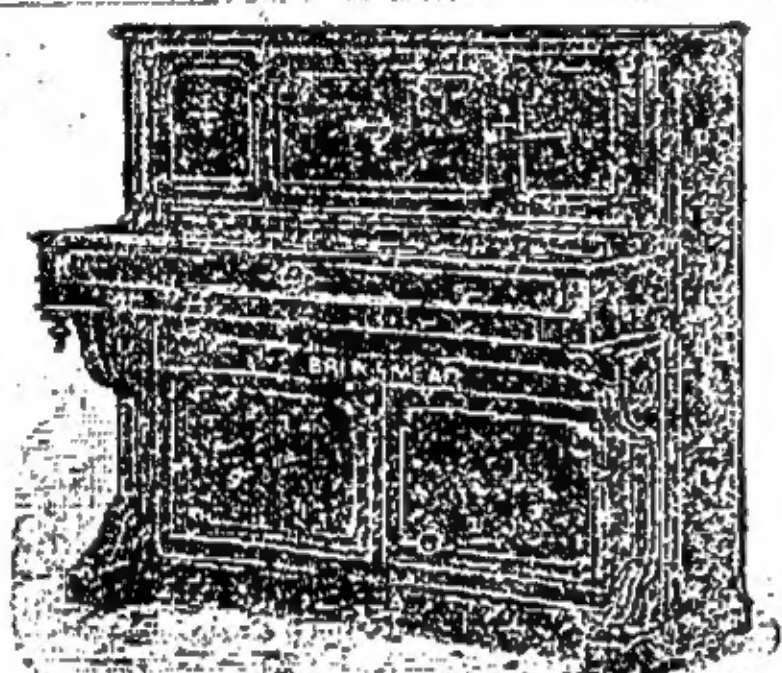
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, 10, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1898, at 12.30 of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 18th February, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
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Hongkong, January 31, 1898.

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N'SAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	Rohilla	S. DE B. LOCKYER, R.N.	20th February.
SHANGHAI	Socotra	L. M. WIMMER, R.N.	About 21st February.
N'SAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	Scotia	J. PAINE, R.N.	About 24th February.
LONDON	Borneo	E. C. A. LYON, R.N.	About 26th March.
N'SAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	S. mid.	S. G. D. ANDREWS, R.N.	About 26th March.

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Hongkong, February 9, 1898.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Twenty-Ninth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at Twelve o'clock (noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1898.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

A NEXT ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, VICTORIA, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at 12.15 o'clock p.m., when the following Resolutions will be proposed.

RESOLUTIONS.
That Article No. 53 and 122 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by substituting therefor the word 'February' and substituting therefor the word 'March'.
That Article No. 7 be altered by inserting the words 'or Extra Reserve Fund' in the immediately after the word 'Fund' in the sixth line of the said Article, and the words 'and Extra Reserve Fund' immediately after the word 'Fund' in the seventh line of the said Article.
That Article No. 121 be altered by inserting the words 'and subject to the provisions of Article 121A and 121B' immediately after the word 'and' before the word 'be' in the fourth line of such Article.
That the following Articles be inserted immediately after Article No. 121 and be numbered Articles 121A and 121B.

121A.—Although the Reserve Fund may amount to the sum of One Million Dollars the Directors may nevertheless at their discretion from time to time appropriate a portion, and exceeding ten per cent. of the net income and profits earned by the Company in any one year, to the formation of an additional Reserve Fund, to be called 'Extra Reserve Fund.'
121B.—The monies standing at the credit of the Extra Reserve Fund may be applicable for the equalisation of dividends, after such monies, or monies portion thereof, may whenever the Directors shall think fit, be appropriated towards the equalisation of dividends.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1898.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

TERM BEGINS MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

APPLICANTS for ADMISSION must A present themselves, accompanied by Parents or Guardians, in the Hall on SATURDAY, the 12th, at 9 a.m. Applications for Re-admission must be made on THURSDAY, the 10th, at 10 a.m., otherwise they will be too late to receive attention.

GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D.,
Head Master.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE,
21a February, 1898.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 12th day of February Next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1897.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 26, 1898.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, to the 12th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 26, 1898.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 a.m. on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 16th, 17th & 18th Instant respectively.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the 'National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. FLATFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the 'Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hongkong Agency,'
P. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd., Hongkong,'
E. L. HUNTER,
Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd., Hongkong,'
R. OHOB,
Manager.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

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(Times of Ceylon.)
MR GLADSTONE AWAKES.
London, January 23rd.—Mr Gladstone extremely weak, although he now takes drives. His neuralgia continues, and he reported to have expressed half a wish that all was over with him.

January 27th.—The death is announced of General Francis Moberley.

WHY THE 'GEFION' RETURNED TO PERLIN.
It has transpired that the *Gefion* returned to Perlin to fetch colliers to re-coal the *Deutschland*.

MISSION YEATMAN AND SIR W. LOCKHART.
The Right Rev. Hysshe Wolcott-Yeatman, Bishop of the Diocese of the Cape of Good Hope, is expected to arrive in the *Deutschland* on the 28th inst.

LORD G. HAMILTON ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.
Lord G. Hamilton, speaking at Chiswick, said in view of the large surplus expected, it would be unwise to help India. The difficulties preventing the establishment

not as insuperable as some believed and he thought it not impossible that next year we may make a material advance in that direction. Lord George added that, if we could establish a gold standard of sixteen-pence, the rupee would be subject only to the fluctuations of trade, and the advantage to India would

enormous. He was hopeful, if a good standard was established, that England would materially assist India by investing capital there. Regarding our future frontier policy, he said that the Government concentrates its attention on the routes and positions essential for the performance of obligations towards territory reserved for British influence, and will leave the tribes

as far as possible alone. British relations with Russia in Central Asia were, he said, satisfactory, and Russia had honestly kept every obligation in regard to the frontier delimitation.

ANOTHER FATAL POLO ACCIDENT.
Cuttack, January 25.—Another fatal accident is reported at Polo. Major the Hon. G. G. A. Wilson, of the Buffs, was killed.

A MILITARY RULING.
It is now officially notified that a Lieutenant-Colonel may, if selected, be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in command of a Regiment or Battalion or any a

pointment tenable by Lieutenant-Colonel, which may be considered to be analogous thereto. Colonels of the Indian Army of Staff Corps, whether brevet or substantive, are eligible, if otherwise fit for promotion, for the rank of Major-General.

THE QUEEN AND THE WOUNDED SOLDIER
FROM INDIA.

London, January 26.—To-day Prince

Beatrice visited the wounded soldiers from India at Netley Hospital on behalf of H. M. Majesty, who visits them in person later on.

DEARNESS OF BREAD IN ITALY.

Owing to the agitation arising from the dearth of bread, the Italian Government have decided to call out the first-class troops and are reducing rations to the second and third classes.

THE COMING SENSATIONAL TRIAL IN
PARIS.

The witnesses to be called by M. Zola will include the Secretaries and Military Attaches of the Russian, German, Austria-British, and Italian Embassies, General Billot, and Ex-President Perier, besides

MR CURZON ON ABYSSINIA.

General Kitchenier to Sir F. Grenfell, dated the 8th of December, describing the capture of Abu Hamed and the occupation of Berber. Sir F. Grenfell's covering dispatch mentions the brilliant services of General Kitchenier, whose untiring energy and skilful dispositions have recovered and pacified the Nile Valley and the Eastern Sudan.

THE MEHRAN OUTRAGE.
Bombay, Jan. 24.—Through Ormat
Colonel Mayne reports from the second
stage that the camels are weakly and
rapidly failing. He doubts if a rapid march
on Turbat is possible. Fresh animals are
being despatched from Bela.
The Indian Marine steamer *Patri*

THE TOTAL EQUINE IN INDIA.
Bombay, Jan. 24.—Sir Norman Lockyer's Eclipse expedition at Vladivostok, has done everything proposed, with triumphant success, and required twenty-one hours.

observation. The work at Valldagur was mainly spectroscopic, and two large pyramatic cameras were used to supplement the photographic work. Just before totality, there was a marked fall in the temperature. The scene was one of exquisite beauty. The solid inky blackness of the moon was surrounded by a corona of delicate rays.

luminosity radiated from the eclipsed sun and two 'prominences' blazed like fire bloodspots. Venus, Mars, and Mercury shone out, and were the only three stars visible. At none of the camps was the darkness very intense, and no lamps were required; but Venus remained in view for twenty minutes after totality.

The totality at Buxar lasted one minute thirty seconds, and the spectacle was magnificent; and excited a feeling of awe and astonishment on the part of all beholders. The photographs taken by an American astronomer in Lick camp were the largest yet attempted. Lord Graham succeeded in kinematographing the eclipse. The natives in various parts regarded it

THE PLAGUE AND ITS GRIP.
Bombay, January 28.—The week's plague deaths in Bombay amount to 834; and the total from all causes to 1,726, the death rate being 108.7. The normal total deaths would be 748 for the week, and the

normal death-rate 50.37. Yesterday there were 111 cases and 145 deaths from plague and from all causes 231 deaths. The position continues to cause great anxiety.

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	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	on date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ..	30.12	30.82	30.18
Temperature	W	89	83
Humidity	80	82	80

Direction of	SE	SW	NE
Wind	NW	NNW	N
Force	2	b	2
Weather	c	b	b
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Hongkong, January 19, 1898.

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
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Yamato	2108	E. H. Johnson	Mar. 10	Yamato	3554	W. H. Wright	Mar. 23
Yamato	2052	A. Dixon	April 8	Yamato	1907	W. Ward	May 3
Yamato	2546	G. Gow	April 26	Braemar	601	E. Porter	May 3

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Hongkong, February 2, 1898.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
YOSHIMA MARU,	SEATTLE, Wash., U.S.A.,	MONDAY, 14th
J. W. KRUSAND,	Via Kobe & YOKOHAMA	

LA NUSUMB,	KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 17th Feb., at 4 p.m.
MAKURU MARU,	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE (Teachinghip Cargo for Java Ports),	THURSDAY, 17th Feb., at 4 p.m.
N. TRENET,	PERANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	
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T. NIOBI,	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 21st Feb., at 4 p.m.
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MILLAIS AS AN ARTIST.

In the January number of *The Art Journal*, Mr. R. A. M. Stevenson gives us a summary of the work of Sir J. E. Millais, P.R.A. He says:—"No one has been born in England with a better eye than Sir John Millais had, or with a sense of delight more thrilling and intense than he felt in the manœuvring of shapes, and his colours on his nervous system. Few, if any, have started on the verge of art with a firmer will of opportunity, and with more confident crew of friends, and not many have added luck with a stronger backing of talent and industry. As a new school boy he painted a picture like the work of his superannated Academician, and no less well. From that first canvas on the stairs at South Kensington, painted, was it not, at the age of fifteen? he had overcome the initial difficulties of picture-making, and had proved his ability in a picture. Then it behoved him to show his full strength at first-hand—that he could learn to do other tricks than the disposing of certain brown colours and certain conventional figures in a more or less decorative pattern. Pre-Raphaelitism, with its colour and its nervous energy, had convinced a picture of realistic fact, a phase of technique, not the rendering of a poetic point of view. He was too young and too much alive in his senses to dwell in one man's dreams, and to mistake the second stage of pre-Raphaelitism, decorative and mystical in its ideal, for any just or legitimate rendering of his own feelings about nature. There is no painter in Europe who would have beaten Millais had he lived comfortably in the Latin Quarter for half a century of his own. But he was content to stop thinking, if not working, at an early stage, and who does not stop backward. The late shows of Leighton and Mr. Watts had not many surprises in store for us, but I feel sure that we shall meet with them at the Millais exhibition. They showed him that either of these men he had a greater gift of seeing, a better aptitude for painting. What Millais threw away Rossetti cultivated, namely, the sense of beauty and the feeling for style; but the keen eyesight that Millais could not help having, the other man, for all his pains, could never acquire."

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Problem No. 11.
Black (1 Piece).

White to mate with the Pawn in four moves.

Solution to Problem No. 79 by S. Loyd.
1. R-Q B 3
Then if 1. K-K 4 2. R-K 6
1. Q-K 4 2. R-K 6
1. Q-K ch 2. B-Q
1. Q-K (B3) 2. Q-Q 5
1. Q-B 5 2. R-K B 5
1. Any other 2. R-K B 4

Hongkong, Feb. 10.

The problem given above has a historical interest, showing the sort of problems (called by Mr. Winterwood "Scope problems") which were popular fifty years ago. Of course it will be seen at once that white has a mate on the move. From this it is precluded by his undertaking to mate with the pawn—a description of odds still occasionally given to beginners.

The third round of the Knock-Out Tournament will commence to-morrow evening. Eight players are now left in and they will be found on the club's notice-board. I have as yet received no communication. If he had not the art of information. If he had not the art of information. If he had not the art of information.

To-morrow, Monday and Thursday evenings are appointed for the Salvo Gambit Match at the Chess Club. These fixtures are designed to combine instruction with instruction by giving members practice in defined openings. The following are the first moves of the Salvo.

1. P-K 4 P-K 4
2. P-K 4 P-K 4
3. Kt-K B 3 P-K Kt 4
4. B-B 4 P-K Kt 4
5. Kt-K 3 Q-K 5 ch
6. B-B 4

As White has refused to sacrifice his knight, the attack has passed, into the hands of Black, who cannot expect to maintain his line of pawns. His strongest move is 6...K-Q 4 B 4, though this gives White an opportunity for some pretty play, as follows:

7. B x Pch K-K 2
8. Kt x Stch Q-P x Kt
9. B-K 3 Kt-B 3
10. Q-Q 5 Kt-R 4
11. Q-K 5 P-K 6
12. B-B 4

And the advantage is with Black.

Always play with *score-keeping*. If you fall into a subtle trap or yourself inveigle your opponent into one, or if a next ending occurs in any game you play, those things are worth chronicling.

Play in *advance* to which you can gain admission. The only way to learn chess play is by practicing, and skillful have proved fatal to many a brighter player.

Leave nothing to chance. If you see in your game a weak advance,—such as the exchange of a knight for a knight and two pawns,—take it. But, however, of pawn grabbing at a critical juncture.

Cheess claims pre-eminence for its teaching in the sphere of foresight, admisses under adverse conditions, and in times of danger, and above all promotion of mental ability. These great virtues are inculcated by all writers who have treated of the game from the high standpoint of the undoubted intellectual advantages. Of these salutary games rightly there is some in the above-mentioned virtues, but the royal game is supremely of the absolute fairness in the initial terms, and of the inexhaustible fascination to the diligent.

in his 'Principles of Chess,' advises chess players to deliberate over their move, after having decided upon a course of action, to have quietly, and 'with regard.' This is the essence of good present, and constitutes a forcible rule to defeat these chess players who, mortified, defeat, boil over with wrathful placid attributing their losses to 'everything except the fact of their own inferior skill, thus damaging their own reputation (if any) in the unmanly attempt to blot an opponent's victory. A chess club, it should be, the nursery of good manners, the training school of temper, and even the school of moral conduct. It should in the slightest information of unwritten rules as to personal conduct, and subsequent to the progress of any game or contest in chess play. It should be an unfortunate habit of some immature members of the club, to rail against defeat, and to quarrel with their own inferiority. A personal encounter is something that happened of a serious nature, as if characters were at stake, forgetful of the true facts of history, that the finest chess masters of the world have reached their temporary thrones only through immense chess skill and resource. What more? No. Philidor have suffered to attain a proud position as 'the Father of chess' or Steinitz to have acquired the honourable title of the 'Grand old man' of our modern game.

For those who are afflicted with modern chess strategy in match play there is a refreshing crispness in the appended game recently played and won by Mr. Chadwick the Secretary of the Brooklyn Chess Club. I take the score and notes from the *London Chess Club*.

Game No. 194.
KING'S GAMBIT DECLINED.
White—Mr. Chadwick. Black—Mr. Old.

1. P-K 4 P-K 4
2. P-K B 4 P-Q 4
3. Kt-K B 3 Q-P 3
4. Kt-K 3 B-K 3
5. P-Q 4 Kt-K B 3
6. B-B 4 Castles
7. Castles P-Q Kt 3
8. Q-Kt 3 B-K 2
9. Q-K B 3 B-K 5
10. Kt-K 3 B-K 3
11. B-K 3 B-K 3
12. R-P x B Kt-Q 4
13. R-Q 2 P-K B 4
14. Kt-P 3 B-K 3
15. Kt-B 3 Kt-Kt 5 (a)
16. Q-K B 3 Kt-K 3
17. Q-B 3 Kt-K 3
18. K-Q B 4 ch K-R 4
19. Kt-K 3 (5) Q-B 3 (6)
20. Kt-Kt 5 B 7 ch K-Kt 3
21. Kt-R 6 ch K-R 4
22. Kt-K 8 ch K-Q 4
23. Kt-K 8 ch Q-K 3
24. Kt-K 8 ch Q-K 3
(a) There is little to be said of the game up to the present. After White had firmly established his Kt on K 5, Black plays energetically in order to prevent the three-fold castling move of White's attack. The game is principally remarkable for the ending.

(b) A very effective move.
(c) The only move.

Game No. 195.
Played in Paris in 1874.
IRREGULAR OPENING.

White (d'André). Black (Cousins.)

1. P-K 4 P-Q 4
2. Kt-K B 3 P-K 3
3. P-K 4 P-K 3
4. P-K B 4 B-K 2
5. P-Q 3 P-Q R 3
6. P-Q 4 P-Q 4
7. P-K 4 P-K 4
8. B-K 2 Castles
9. Castles Castles
10. Kt-Q B 3 B-K Kt 5
11. Q-K 4 B-K Kt 5
12. R-K 3 Kt-Q 5
13. R-K B 3 (a) B-K 5 P
14. Q-K 3 B-K 5
15. R-K 4 ch P-B 5
16. R-K 5 ch Kt-K 5
17. K-R 5 ch K-K 5
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22. K-R 5 ch K-K 5
23. K-R 5 ch K-K 5
24. K-R 5 ch K-K 5

And White resigns.
(a) If White play K-B 2 and then attempt to avoid the loss of the exchange Black would win the Queen, thus:—
14. R-Q 2 Kt-K 5
15. Q-Q 5 Kt-K 5
16. Q-Q 5 Kt-K 5
17. Q-K 5 P-K Kt 3
18. K-R 5 or R 3 R-K 5 or Kt B 3

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1 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock,
Yerdeen, add 15 ft. 6 in. the height given
in the table.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Day	Month	Time	Height	Day	Month	Time	Height
11	2	11 57.8	6.0	11	2	11 57.8	6.0
12	2	11 58.4	6.1	12	2	11 58.4	6.1
13	2	11 59.0	6.2	13	2	11 59.0	6.2
14	2	11 59.6	6.3	14	2	11 59.6	6.3
15	2	12 00.2	6.4	15	2	12 00.2	6.4
16	2	12 00.8	6.5	16	2	12 00.8	6.5
17	2	12 01.4	6.6	17	2	12 01.4	6.6
18	2	12 02.0	6.7	18	2	12 02.0	6.7

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